

## **District 7 Profile**

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) is responsible for planning, design, construction, maintenance and operation of the state highway system. District 7, which includes Los Angeles and Ventura counties, has the second largest workforce of [12 Caltrans districts](#) statewide. District 7 employs nearly 2,500 people with the largest workforce in Construction and Maintenance, and others in the Administration, Environmental, Design, Program/Project Management, Planning, External Affairs and Right of Way divisions.

The Department's [mission](#) is to provide a safe, sustainable, integrated and efficient transportation system to enhance California's economy and livability. This mission is evidenced in all District 7 activities. Numerous regional [projects](#) are in the planning process or underway that help decrease congestion and increase mobility. Currently, the District manages on average 120 ongoing construction projects valued at \$2.4 billion. Through voter-approved Proposition 1A and 1B, the state's transportation bond measures, funding has been allocated to many significant construction projects, such as the [Interstate 5 Corridor Improvement Projects](#) to add HOV (high occupancy vehicle, or carpool) lanes from State Route 134 to State Route 118 in north LA County and from the Orange County line to Interstate 605 in south LA County. Combined, the 18 improvement projects on the I-5 corridor total \$3.2 billion. HOV lanes are also under construction on the San Bernardino Freeway (Interstate 10).

Constructing an interconnecting [HOV system](#) continues to be a priority. A seamless HOV system will help to reduce congestion by using freeway capacity more efficiently. As of early 2016, District 7 operates 554 HOV lane miles in Los Angeles and Ventura counties, the most in the state. By 2025, District 7 expects to complete 706 HOV lane miles as part of its goal to construct 900 HOV lane miles.

Caltrans operates the [Los Angeles Regional Transportation Management Center](#) in partnership with the California Highway Patrol to rapidly detect and respond to incidents while managing the resulting congestion. With electronic technologies such as Changeable Message Signs, closed circuit television, fiber optic lines, ramp meters, and wire loop detectors embedded in pavement, motorists using the largest freeway system in the world benefit from a more efficient transportation management network.

## **Mileage Facts**

- District 7 is responsible for 42 freeways and highways. (See map [here](#).)
- There are 915 freeway and highway miles in Los Angeles County and 273 miles in Ventura County.
- 100 million vehicle miles traveled, on average, daily on District 7 freeways, equivalent to over 4,000 global trips.

## **Strategic Goals**

- Safety and health
- Stewardship and efficiency
- Sustainability, livability and economy
- System performance
- Organizational excellence